

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-51 are currently pending.

II. RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S REJECTIONS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interview conducted on March 27, 2007. The requirements for a supplemental reissue oath/declaration were discussed.

Claims 1-51 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration.

Applicants submit herewith a revised reissue oath/declaration in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §251 and MPEP §1414. This revised supplemental reissue declaration points out, in paragraph 7 thereof, at least one specific error in the original patent claims that are corrected by the reissue claims. The error is stated in the revised supplemental reissue declaration as resulting in the original patent claiming less than the inventors had a right to claim.

Section 1414 of the MPEP states that only one error that is corrected by the reissue need be identified. Part (B) of section II of MPEP 1414 states: "Applicant need only specify in the reissue oath/declaration one of the errors upon which reissue is based." The revised supplemental reissue declaration specifies at least one error.

Accordingly, in view of the revised supplemental reissue oath/declaration, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-51.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-51 are in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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